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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
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Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Emergency Communication System Stabilization project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is County of Butte, located at 25 County Center Drive, Suite 200, Oroville, CA 95965. The funding would be used for bolstering the Butte County Sheriff's Office's communication system infrastructure for adequate reach and functionality which includes interoperability communication systems on two remotely located towers, the addition of a generator and transfers switch on the third tower, replacement of a vault and reconstruction of a fourth tower, and mobile extender units in all vehicles and handheld radios used in isolated areas in order to maintain communication. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the six components that are proposed in the Emergency Communication Stabilization Project are critical, life-saving tools for Butte County law enforcement agencies to provide daily services the community as well as respond to emergency events, similar to those experience in Butte County in the past. Despite the extraordinary need for these tools, small, rural counties – particularly those that are continuing to recover financially from catastrophic disasters – do not have the discretionary funds for such sizable equipment purchases.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Doug LaMalfa
Member of Congress